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Mr. Grover W. Ensley
Executive Director
Joint Economic Committee
Congress of the United States
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Ensley:

I refer to your letter of 4 December 1956, requesting the comments of this Agency on a draft study on aspects of the Soviet economy.

As you are undoubtedly aware, representatives of this Agency have been in frequent contact with members of the staff of your Committee. It is my understanding that at a meeting on December 11th, the CIA representatives gave to Mr. Sheldon and Mr. Redding their completed comments on the draft study.

The individuals who reviewed this draft with Mr. Redding and Mr. Sheldon had available to them all of the facilities of our research division, and I believe that their comments accurately reflect the views of this Agency.

We are happy to have had the opportunity to be of assistance in this project, and you may be assured that we stand ready to cooperate fully with the Committee and its staff in any future projects of this sort.

Sincerely,

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Robert Amory, Jr.
Deputy Director

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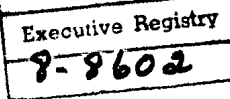
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December 4, 1956



Mr. Allen W. Dulles, Director
 Central Intelligence Agency
 2430 E Street, N. W.
 Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dulles:

The enclosed draft study has been prepared by our staff in response to a request by the Subcommittee on Foreign Economic Policy of the Joint Economic Committee. At this point we are circulating copies to a limited number of agencies and individuals for as much critical comment as the recipients are in a position to give. We are interested in having reactions and suggestions to improve the accuracy of factual content, to minimize the dangers of misinterpretation, and to enhance the usefulness of what must necessarily be a brief study of a very complex subject.

Our good relations with your organization have been most helpful in the past. I hope that even though it is much to ask on such short notice that it will be possible to have some technical review of the contents. We have been caught with much less time than we would wish before we must go to press. If we could receive comments by Monday, December 10, there would still be time to incorporate suggestions into the chapters during the course of that week, with the notion of printing galleys by Friday the 14th.

STAT Mr. A. David Redding, who has done the major work of the study, has been in informal contact with [redacted] of your staff, and has supplied a copy of the study directly to him. It is quite possible that other persons in your organization would be in a position to make useful comments as well.

I am sure that your people will recognize that the study is not yet ready for publication, and will keep its contents private until necessary revisions have been made, after which copies will be available in quantity.

Tell your people to feel free to mark up the copy in whatever way is easiest to record their thoughts. Also, I am sure that Mr. Redding would be glad to hear from anyone who would find it easier to talk over points with him than commit them to paper. He may be reached at the Library of Congress, code 173, extension 410.

Very sincerely,

Grover W. Ensley
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 Executive Director

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